

Judge Orders Tofte To Name Questioners

Personalities surfaced briefly yesterday in former CIA undercover agent Hans V. Tofte's \$25,000 court action to recover a personal letter he says the CIA stole and the CIA says doesn't exist.

In a series of pre-trial maneuvers, lawyers for CIA Director Richard Helms and three other persons had sought specific allegations about the theft by taking Tofte's deposition some weeks ago.

Tofte accused Helms, CIA employes Charles D. Speake and Kenneth R. Slocum and Slocum's wife, Judy, of instigating a plan to enter his

home at 1667 35th st. nw. last summer and taking a number of CIA documents, including Tofte's personal file (actually a scrapbook) which contained the now missing letter.

After news accounts were published about the incident, Tofte, who had been ousted earlier from the CIA because he "went public," said he was called to CIA's headquarters in Langley and subjected to three days of questioning by four CIA officials.

Fearing he might breach security laws, Tofte refused to divulge the officials' names to Helms' lawyer, Laidler B. Mackall, during a recent deposition. Mackall asked Judge Alexander Holtzoff in District Court yesterday to compel Tofte to give the names.

Mackall contended that no law bars revelation of the names. Holtzoff agreed and ordered Tofte to give the names if asked in a future deposition.

Scott said that during the three-day questioning period at Langley, Tofte saw the scrapbook which he claimed was taken from his house. When the scrapbook was returned to him, the letter was missing, Scott said. The CIA has denied taking the scrapbook and says "no such letter ever existed."

Scott said the letter in which Tofte's suit values at \$25,000—was written by Helms to Tofte in 1955, urging him to remain in the CIA as a career official.